

which is sponsored by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. DENHAM and I ask our colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize Mr. James A. Stem. The contributions he made to the United Transportation Union and the railroad industry deserve to be commended.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 150th Anniversary of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Redwood City, California. This congregation cherishes its diversity and welcomes anyone who wants to join its spiritual journey.

Father Giles Alexander Easton founded the church in 1864 a few months after he led the first Episcopal service in Redwood City in a room at the old county courthouse. He named the congregation after St. Peter's Church in Smyrna, Delaware, where he had been baptized and confirmed.

St. Peter's was the second church in Redwood City to organize and construct a church building. In 1867, the "Little Red Church" was built and became a landmark for six decades.

In the 20th century, as the population in Redwood City increased, the parish outgrew its building and moved to its current location at 178 Clinton Street. In 1925, the congregation built a parish hall that served as the church and a meeting space. In 1952, the sanctuary, offices and classrooms were added as the baby boom reached its peak. While many of the baby boomers are thinking about retirement now, the young generations continue to utilize St. Peter's buildings and grounds. The church houses a Montessori preschool, the Ragazzi Boys Choir and its own youth group.

Over the last 150 years Redwood City has changed dramatically. The railroad transformed a small logging port into a suburb, and the explosive growth of Silicon Valley turned the suburb into the hometown of many technology companies and their employees. This explosive growth has brought wealth to many residents, but it has also left some of them behind. Many families struggle with skyrocketing housing prices and rents, a high cost of living and job insecurity. One thing that has not changed in Redwood City is that the doors of St. Peter's Church are open to everyone.

The parish is proud to include people from all walks of life and of all ages. It is also very active in mentoring young people to give back to the community. St. Peter's has delivered hundreds of backpacks and uniforms to local schools, has served many meals and filled many "Hope Bags" for the homeless.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives rise with me to acknowledge the good that St. Peter's Episcopal Church has done over the last 150 years for its parishioners and the community at large. May it continue to share its welcoming spirit for at least another 150 years.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
FRIENDSHIP INDUSTRIES, INC.

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, Friendship Industries, Inc. in Harrisonburg, Virginia has served the Commonwealth of Virginia well by offering employment and training opportunities for individuals with disabilities. With a vision of providing "work opportunities to ensure immediate and full employment for all persons with disabilities" who come to them for assistance, Friendship Industries has fostered a community that seeks to value all individuals, regardless of the challenges they may face.

Friendship Industries, founded in 1964, became one of the first social enterprises in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. What first began as the Linville-Edom Sheltered Workshop for post-high school aged males has grown and flourished into a manufacturing company that has earned both private and public contracts. Through all this growth and change, Friendship Industries has retained its social mission of developing and maintaining employment and training opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

I applaud Friendship Industries for its contributions to our community. For 50 years now, the business has provided work opportunities for individuals living with disabilities, embracing the sentiment that "work offers community and belonging." It is an honorable goal to extend community and belonging to all people, and it is my great pleasure to congratulate them and celebrate the work they've done to achieve that goal.

Friendship Industries, Inc. will commemorate their 50th anniversary on October 7, 2014. I am pleased to recognize them here today in the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING 2014 MISSOURIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS JIM GIGLIO, CLIF SMART, AND TOM STRONG

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jim Giglio, Clif Smart, and Tom Strong on receiving the 2014 Missourian Award.

The Missourian Award recognizes Missourians who have positively impacted their communities, state, or nation through contributions in civics, arts, business, or politics.

It is important that we strive to better the community we live in and it is apparent that these three men from Missouri's 7th Congressional District have continually done that.

Jim Giglio served as an officer in the U.S. Army and taught at Missouri State University for 39 years. He has produced eight books, including one of my favorites 'Call Me Tom: The Life of Thomas F. Eagleton,' along with the best seller out of the series on the study of John F. Kennedy in the American Presidency Series.

Since Clif Smart joined the Missouri State University community in 2007, he has not stopped working to better the school. When he became president in 2012, he immediately started to make new changes that would benefit the college and its students. Under President Smart, Missouri State University has met all five of its performance measures established by the Missouri Coordination Board of Higher Education and oversaw many improvements to the campus.

Tom Strong founded Strong, Garner, Bauer P.C. in 1976 and is admitted to practice law in front of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys awards the Thomas G. Strong Trial Attorney Award in his name to the attorney who is a great example of what a trial lawyer should be. He also authored a book that I thoroughly enjoyed titled 'Strong Advocate: The Life of a Trial Lawyer.'

I am proud of the initiative these three individuals have taken to make the great state of Missouri the best it can be. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this tremendous honor.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEANNE FOX

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 18, 2014*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeanne Fox on her retirement from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Commissioner Fox is a dedicated public servant whose numerous achievements should be celebrated.

Commissioner Fox has been an outstanding advocate for environmental causes. She served as President of the Board of Public Utilities from 2002 until 2010 and served two terms as Commissioner. Prior to her positions at the Board, Commissioner Fox served as Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and as Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy. During her tenure as President of the Board of Public Utilities, the Board received several environmental awards, including the Golden Meter Award for Best Statewide Net Metering Program in the U.S. and the Network for New Energy Choices Award.

Additionally, Commissioner Fox has also been an active member of a number of environmental organizations and commissions. She served on the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative from 2003 until 2010, was President of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners and was a member of the Advisory Council to the Board of Directors of the Electric Power Research Institute, among others.

Commissioner Fox is a graduate of Rutgers University, earning her Bachelor's Degree from Douglass College and Juris Doctor from Rutgers University School of Law.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Jeanne Fox on her retirement. Her commitment to public service and the betterment of our communities is truly deserving of this body's recognition.